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illness; II, claims 20 and 21, directed to a method for minimizing the risk of developing sleep

apnea in susceptible patients treated for alleviation or prevention of pain: and III. claims 22 and

23, directed to analgesic compositions comprising sub-analgesic dosages of morphine and

oxycodone.

Response to Restriction Requirement

Applicants, with reservation of all rights to file continuation and/or divisional

applications to any or all of the inventions allegedly embodied in the claims of the instant

application as filed, provisionally elect the claims of invention I, namely claims 1 - 19.

Consequently, Applicants hereby cancel claims 20 - 23, inclusive, from active consideration

during the pendency of the instant application.

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